10/57967 QENT

Docket No.: 201487/1180

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

18890010 00 VE

Applicants:	HASHIMOTO et al.	Y 2006
U. S. Serial No:	To be assigned)	
Filed:	Herewith)	
PCT International Application No:	PCT/JP2004/016422	
Filed:	5 November 2004	,
For:	SOIL MICROORGANISM-HOUSING) BIOSENSORS AND THEIR USES)	

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR §§ 1.97-1.98

Mail Stop: PCT

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98, published art, some of which are included in the International Search Report (copy enclosed) of the corresponding PCT application, are cited for consideration and listed on the enclosed PTO/SB/08 form as references 1-7. These references are relevant for the reasons given in the report.

Because copies of the PCT references should have been transferred by the International Searching Authority, duplicate copies are <u>not</u> enclosed herewith.

It is respectfully requested that an Examiner-initialed copy of this form be returned to the undersigned.

May 18 2006

Andrew K. Gonsalves Registration No. 48,145

Respectfully submitted,

NIXON PEABODY LLP

Clinton Square, P.O. Box 31051 Rochester, New York 14603-1051

Telephone: (585) 263-1658

Facsimile: (585) 263-1600

AP20 Rec'd PUTIFIE 18 MAY 2006

PTO/SB/08A (10-01)

Approved for use through 10/31/2002. OMB 0651-0031

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1449A/PTO		С	olete if Known		
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE			LOSURE	Application Number	Tobe Assigned O / U
B	STATEMENT BY APPLICANT (use as many sheets as necessary)		Filing Date	Herewith	
SIAI			First Named Inventor	Yoshihiro HASHIMOTO	
			Art Unit	To Be Assigned	
		Examiner Name	To Be Assigned		
Sheet	1	of	1	Attorney Docket Number	201487/1180

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS					
Examiner Initials	Cite No. ¹	U.S. Patent Document Number - Kind Code ² (if known)	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
····					

	-				

		FC	REIGN PATENT I	OCUMENTS		
Examiner Initials	Cite No. ¹	Foreign Patent Document Kind Code ³ Country Code ³ Number ⁴ (if known)	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Application of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages of Region Figures	т°
THE PROPERTY OF THE PARTY OF TH	1	JP 2003-116591 A	04-22-2003	Japan Science & Technology	The state of the s	
	2	JP 5-123186 A	05-21-1993	Shimadzu Corre		
	3	9-47299 A	02-18-1997	Kabushiki Kaisha Horiha Seisakusho		
	4	JP 2000-157258 A	06-13-2000	National Institute for Agro-Environmental Science	-	

		OTHER PRIOR A	ART ON PATENT	LITERATURE DOCUMENTS		
Examiner Initials*	Cite . No.1	Include name of the author (in CAPITABL ETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazate, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.)., date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or equitry where published.			T ²	
	5	HASHIMOTO et al., "Tsuchi No Kenko Shindan Dojo Shindan-yo Biosensor No Kaihatsu," Brain Techno News 105:12-17 (2004)				
	6 MASHIMOTO, Y., "Dojo Shindan-yo Biosensor No Kaihatsu," Inspection Engineering 9(10):35-41 (2004)					
STATE OF THE PARTY	7 "Nogyo Dojo Biseibutsu O Sokutei," Nikkan Kogyo Shinbun, at page 20 (2004)					
	NO COPIES PROVIDED					

Examiner	/Albart M. Navarra	Date	00/04/0000
Signature	/Albert M Navarro	Considered	06/24/2009

^{*}EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

Burden Hour Statement: This form is estimated to take 2.0 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20231. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

¹ Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ² See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04. ³ Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁴ For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵ Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST.16 if possible. ⁶ Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

¹ Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ² Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.